

## Letter from Alexander Melville Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 26, 1877, with transcript

Tutelo Heights, Brantford, Ont., Can., June 26th, 77. (No envelope) My dear Al.,

Yours from Providence arrived yesterday. Your business arrangements pass my comprehension. I don't think you should sell a controlling interest on any terms. Yet you have agreed to part with such (#) for less than half the sum you named for a smaller interest, then offered at a sacrifice to present convenience! You may find some conditions in the articles of consignment to which you cannot agree, so that I do not look on this matter as settled until papers are exchanged and money delivered. I can't think that you have acted under advice, in putting your own interest absolutely under the power of this assignee, and on such terms! Why have you not sent the telephones? You represented that the working of the instrument in Canada was essential to the safety of your patent in this country, and I made arrangements with parties to erect a short line. Day after day we went to the Express office in vain, although you said you would send the instruments within two days. I feel that the parties with whom I made the arrangements have been befooled in the matter, and you enable me to offer no explanation. I do not know whether we shall be able to get to Boston in time for your precipitate changes. We had always looked forward to being present, and if we cannot be so, I shall make a point of 2 taking Mamma to make acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard and family when I go to Niagara if not sooner. We shall be ready here to receive you both with open arms. Your telegram fixing the date will decide us. I have four visiting pupils, all of whom reside at a distance, whose lessons would have to be put off.

Meantime with our best wishes and dearest love to you both, and with kindest regards to the Hubbard family, I am,

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Your affectionate father, Alex. Melville Bell.